

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 and 13-21 remain pending in the present application. Claim 1 has been amended. Basis for the amendments can be found throughout the specification, claims and drawings as originally filed.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-11 and 13-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claim 1 has been amended to define the first flow path which includes a valve for controlling flow from the upper working chamber into the reserve chamber. The first flow path is defined as being the only flow path from the upper working chamber into the reserve chamber.

The second flow path defined by the Examiner allows flow from the reserve chamber into the upper working chamber which is opposite to that defined by amended Claim 1.

Thus, Applicants believe Claim 1, as amended, overcomes the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Claims 2-11 and 13-21 were rejected due to their dependency on Claim 1. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 1-11 and 13-21 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, set forth in this Office Action. Applicants believe the claims as amended overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejection and are thus allowable.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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